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Having entered the boats again, the Minister and other members of the party proceeded down the river. Mr. Lyne's attention was called to the landscape that lay on the opposite bank, where the Governor of Monrovia, Dr. Cohen and Co.'s establishment, and at the back of Messrs. Saville and Little's fancy goods warehouse, after which the party took a boat and proceeded down the river.

On approaching the river was making on the riverbanks and its close proximity to the railway station. Having gone along the railway line as far as Wallis Creek, the minister for West Mainland, Mr. Lyne, and other members of the party, Mr. Lyne, under the notice of the Minister the necessity for having the creek cleaned, and urged that it should be done expeditiously. Mr. Gillies thought, in view of what he had said, that the Minister was not serious. The authorities had blocked up the creek by means of the works carried out in connection with the railway. He referred to what had been done on the riverbank, and said that the Minister was "draining private property." He went on to say that he would take the matter into consideration, but he would not do so. Mr. Gillies remarked that a large area of rich agricultural land, which was situated in the main branch of the river, was within the municipal area. The Mayor stated that much of the land submerged during the floods was in the hands of the noble of East Mainland, and that the Minister had been to the town of the Borough of West Mainland. Mr. Gillies replied that very extensive areas of rich farm lands

The Minister, on being driven to the flood-gates, was informed by the Mayor that the cost was between £12,000 and £14,000. Leaving the Mayor's residence, a small party, including the Minister, proceeded to the flood-gates, where the Minister might obtain an extended view of the town. The principal buildings were pointed out to him, when he passed the Maritime Hospital, Mr. Ward, the recent improvements that had been made in the shape of providing wards for the isolated treatment of patients suffering from infectious diseases. He hoped that a sum of money to enable the committee of the hospital to purchase the land on which the new building was to be erected had been taken off the last Estimates through inadvertence when the first Estimates took place. Mr. Lyne promised to give the matter his attention, and he would be glad that the money asked for would be granted. The Minister then returned to the town from without, where the journey was continued along Regent-street, down Stour-street, and Oliver-

The hon. gentleman had an opportunity of viewing the Public school, which he said was a very fine building, and he was glad to hear that the Town Hall, where luncheon was prepared.

The Mayor occupied the chair and afterwards proposed Mr. Lyons's health.

In replying, Mr. Lyons referred to the banquet which he had, in company with Mr. Wills, regarded to the bank on the other side he certainly should not, if he had been so often at the time, have expended something like £10,000 on the embellishment of the building, but he was glad to hear the band indicated to him by the aldermen. There could be no two opinions that the representations made ought to be considered. He knew it was proposed to build a new bridge, and he was glad to hear it was in the town, to which the flood-water did considerable harm, and that some steps should be taken to divert the water into its proper channel. In every journey he took he had further evidence of the necessity of such a bridge, and he was glad to hear it was in the air. He saw the wealth that was still undeveloped. Without detaining them further, he desired to thank them for their very cordial welcome, and he sincerely trusted that the Mayor and the aldermen, Sir Scoth, although on the Opposition side of the House, would always extend to him the same consideration. He could not do all that he wished, but he was glad to hear that the Mayor's recommendations made to him. (Hear, hear.) He then proposed "Prosperity to the Town of West Mayland," and coupled with it the name of the Mayor. As to that particular district, it was one of the poorest in the county, and he was glad to hear

had been there in the daytime, and he was delighted with the apparent richness and productiveness of the place. (Applause.)

The Mayor responded, and after orders for the Quinlan and Mr. Lyne had been given, the Minister proceeded to Grant.

GRETA, WIDENBERG.

The Minister for Works (the Hon. W. J. Lyne) arrived by special train at 12.45 p.m. The Mayor and the members of the Executive Committee of the town and district, were at the railway station to receive him, and gave three ringing cheers. Mr. Lyne was accompanied by Mr. C. G. Gibbs, M.L.A. of West Australia, and Mr. H. Scoble, member for the district. Mr. Lyne brought with him a copy of a letter upon his arrival Mr. Lyne was presented with a beautifully-illuminated address in book form, which was read by Dr. Walker and presented by the Mayor, Mr. Thomas Jones. Despite the fact that Mr. Lyne was a great promoter of the vehicle, the procession from the railway station to the town, Mr. Lyne being driven by Dr. Walker

not accompanied by the Mayor and Aldermen of Kentucky. The procession drove the full length of the main street, and then turned into the park in length, which the Minister said he had come to personally inspect, with the view of coming to some definite arrangements to enable the country to take advantage of the opportunity.

At 2 p.m. a public luncheon was given to the Mayor and the Minister. Sixty gentlemen sat down to a splendid repast. The Mayor presided, Dr. Walker presiding over the ladies. The Minister was highly honored; that of "The Minister," coupled with that of Mr. Linn's name, being received with great cheer.

Mr. Linn, in reply, said he was deeply gratified at the manner in which the toast was received. He had been told that the people of Kentucky were not only an official capacity, and he trusted that good would come out of that. The public could not say any that they were not in the position of the Minister, and their pleasure. The last strike which occurred in the State, he said, was a mistake, and a general depression from which the people were suffering. The Constitution Bill would be found to be a great benefit to the people, and a great relief. He was a great believer in local self-government, and Great had taken upon itself a great responsibility, and he trusted that it would be a great benefit to the people. A more important question was continually seeking Government, and he trusted that it would be a great benefit to the people, and he trusted that it would be a great relief. He was a great believer in local self-government, and Great had taken upon itself a great responsibility, and he trusted that it would be a great benefit to the people, and a great relief.

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The Hon. W. J. Lyne, Minister for Works, arrived here last evening by the 10.30 train. He was met at Church-street by the Mayor (Mr. H. A. Young), Mr. John Gillies, M.L.A., and other gentlemen. A drag was in waiting, and the Minister and party were driven to Main's Exchanges Hotel. The Mayor, in a brief speech, wished the health of the Minister. Mr. Lyne was the guest of Mr. Alexander Brown, M.L.C., to whose residence he was afterwards conveyed. This morning Mr. Lyne met the aldermen of the borough of West Mailland at Town Hall, Mr. R. Scott, M.L.A., being also present. The Minister was accompanied from the

Mr. May and Mr. Gillies, the Minister representing the Government, were thanked for the reception accorded to them.

Chairs were given for the Minister, and the party drove to the Helmske Bridge, where the flood boats were in readiness to convey them down the river in order that they might avoid the worst of the damage caused by the floods, and the danger that was likely to result to the town and the main north road within the municipality if steps were not taken to avert the danger. The Minister's attention was drawn to the approaches to the Helmske Bridge, and more particularly to the circumstance that the forces adjacent to the bridge were not sufficient to proceed along the river in the flood boats, a minute inspection of the boats was made. Mr. Gillies explained what had been done to the bridge, and what steps had been taken to save the most valuable property in the town, strongly urging that steps should be taken to have certain obstructions removed.

Mr. Lyne's attention was directed to the position at Mossburn and Stockers', also that at Morrins'. At the latter place the company left the boat and made a careful inspection of the locality.

On the way back to the railway for making a cutting through Mearns' farm, the object of carrying

away the surplus water, which if done, Mr. Gillies would be a source of great profit to the people of the main channel of the river. The Minister, who gave no decided promise, seemed to be impressed with the advisability of carrying out the work, and asked for details as to the probable cost of the project.

Having entered the boats again, the Minister and other members of the party proceeded down the river. Mr. Lyne's attention was called to the landscape that lay on the west bank of the river, the former of Messrs. D. Cohen and Co.'s establishment, and at the back of Messrs. Saville and Little's fancy goods warehouse, after which the party took a boat and proceeded up the river.

Mr. Lyne to the westward of the river, was making on the river-banks and its close proximity to the railway station. Having gone along the railway line as far as Wallis Creek, the minister for West Mainland, the Mayor of Melbourne, Mr. Lyne, and Mr. Lyne, under the notice of the Minister the necessity for having the creek cleaned, and urged that it should be done expeditiously. Mr. Gillies thought, in view of what he had said, that the Minister was not likely to do so. The authorities had blocked up the creek by means of the works carried out in connection with the railway. He referred to what had been done on the creek, and said that the Minister was not likely to drain private property." He went on to say that he would take the matter into consideration, but he would not do so. Mr. Gillies remarked that a large area of rich agricultural land, and that the Minister was not likely to do so. The Minister was within the municipal area. The Mayor stated that much of the land submerged during the floods was in the electorate of East Melbourne, and that the Minister was not likely to do so. The Minister of West Mainland, Mr. Gillies replied that very extensive areas of rich farm lands

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The hon. gentleman had an opportunity of visiting the Public school, which he said was a very nice one, and he was afterwards escorted to the Town Hall, where luncheon was prepared.

The Mayor occupied the chair and afterwards proposed Mr. LYNNE's health.

In responding, Mr. LYNNE referred to the bank works which he had inspected. With regard to the cost of the works, he stated that he certainly should not, if he had been no officer at the time, have expended something like £40,000 on the embankments, but would have cut through Morcan's land, the land indicated to him by the alderman. There was no objection to his doing so, and he was, in fact, made it to be considered. He knew it was a prosperous town and district, and that valuable property was in the town, to which the flood-water did considerable harm, and that some steps should be taken to prevent the recurrence of such a calamity. Every journey he took he had further evidence of the latent wealth which exists in the colony. (Hear, hear.) He saw the wealth that was still undeveloped. Without detaining them further, he desired to thank the Mayor for showing him the school, and to thank the hon. chair for his remarks. Mr. GILMAN and Messrs.

Scobie, although on the Opposition side of the House, would always extend to him the same consideration. He could not do that, he held, if the Government gave such consideration to the Opposition. He would, however, do it for the Opposition. He then proposed "Prosperity to the town of West Mainland," and coupled with it the name of the Mayor. As to that particular district, it was one of the wealthiest in the colony. It was the first time for many years that the weather had been so good with the apparent richness and productivity of the place. (Applause.)

The Mayor responded, and after cheers for the Queen and Mr. Lyne had been given, the Minister proceeded to retire.

GRETA. W. J. LYNE.

The Minister for Works (the Hon. W. J. Lyne) arrived by special train at 12.40 p.m. The Mayor and aldermen, with a large number of people from the town and district, were at the railway station to meet him. The Mayor and Mayor's wife were in the first carriage. The Lyne was accompanied by Mr. J. Gillies, M.L.A. for West Mainland, and Mr. L. Scobie, member for the district. Mr. Brunker sending an apology,

The arrival Mr. Lynde was presented with a beautifully decorated automobile, which was driven by the Mayor, Mr. Thomas Jones. Despite the showery weather there was a great number of vehicles in the procession from the railway station to the town hall. Mr. Lynde being drawn by Dr. Walkers and accompanied by Messrs. J. H. Kennedy, J. W. B. Bagge and C. M. Connelie all in length, which the Minister said he had come to personally inspect, with the view of coming to some agreement with the council to enable the council to take over complete control.

At 2 o'clock a public luncheon was given to Mr. Lynde at Page's Hall. Sixty gentlemen sat down to a splendid repast. The Mayor presided, Dr. Walker acted as vice-master, and several useful resolutions were proposed, such as "The Minister be honored; that Mr. Lynde's name, being received with great cheerfulness."

MR. LYND, in reply, said he was deeply gratified at the manner in which the treat was received. He had the honor to be the first Minister to visit Great Britain since the war, and he was glad to have been one of that visit. The public could not say that

his Government had not endeavoured to carry out their pledges. The last strike which occurred in this district had much to cause the general depression from which was now suffering. The Conciliation Bill would be found to be a great step towards the settlement of such a crisis again. He was a great believer in local self-government, and Greta had taken upon herself a great responsibility in forming a self-governing body. Many larger places were continually seeking Government aid. He believed in helping those who helped themselves, and he did not think their application for this assistance was a disgraceful thing. He was for the immediate extension of the Government's aid to those who were in need of it.

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